

collaboring as an expression of the kindness of my friends and colleagues as that which is now conveyed to me. The *Chronicle* has been a constant record of the events of this day to the last moment of my life, and that the testimonial which you so kindly propose to present to me I shall regard as the most cherished and valuable of men whose good opinion and whose friendship is to my friends and myself a blessing. I have secured. As this is probably the last session on which I shall occupy this chair, I crave permission to address a few words to the *House of Representatives*. I have endeavoured to which high and honourable post I have been three times raised by your suffrages, I can assure you I have never ceased to feel the dignity, importance, and the responsibility of the post confided to me, or failed to appreciate the responsibilities of the position. I am fully conscious how deficient I may have been in many of them, and how much I owe to the indulgence, the kindness, and the cordial support which I have received at your hands. As the constitution of the *Legislature* under the form of the constitution which has hitherto prevailed will this day be virtually brought to a close, I may be permitted to pass a parting retrospect upon its previous history. The *House of Representatives* has been a body of men when we were first assembled within these walls, the colony has presented an example of material and social advancement such as can scarcely be paralleled in the history of any other dependency of the Crown. I am sure I do not arrogate to myself when I express my conviction that much of this is attributable to the enlightenment and patriotic measures originated within these walls—measures not only of a far-seeing and far-reaching character, but inspired by a comprehensive and far-seeing spirit directed to the permanent interests of this great country. I will not dilate upon the enlarged political beliefs of the *House of Representatives* of the day, but I shall have no hesitation in saying that the progress of the colony through the efforts of this and preceding legislatures, but will simply advert to those noble foundations for the promotion of education amongst the people, the improvement of the land, the creation during the last few years, and which I am sure will constitute your greatest claims upon the gratitude and approval of posterity. When the short-lived spectacles of the day shall have passed away, and when the *House of Representatives* of the colony may still trace the events of the last fourteen years, it will be his task to commemorate the labours of men influenced by motives of the purest patriotism, and to record the noble and patriotic spirit which will be the pride and glory of my life to have been associated with those men, to have witnessed their labours and shared in their aspirations. It is my earnest prayer that the Supreme Disposer of Events may bestow wisdom, wisdom, loyalty, and moderation may characterize the parliamentary history of New South Wales to the remotest generation.

Immediately after the conclusion of the Speaker's address, the *House of Representatives* adjourned. The Hon. Mr. F. E. FRANKLIN, M.P., in a speech of great length, and on his arrival he was received with the usual formalities and conducted to the chair by the Speaker. His Excellency then made the following statement, and having handed it to the Speaker, the *House of Representatives* adjourned.

MR. FRANKLIN AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The state of the public business is such as to enable me to bring this prolonged session to a close, and to release you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties.

2. The subjects which have been brought under consideration have not been so numerous as those discussed during previous sessions, but several of the enactments which have been passed will have a most beneficial effect upon the interests of the colony.

3. By the Marriage Act, doubts, which have been thrown upon the legality of the mode in which certain marriages have been hitherto solemnized, have been finally set at rest.

4. By the Registration Act provision has been made for recording facts affecting in a very important manner the civil rights of individuals.

5. By the Steam Postal Act power has been placed in the hands of the Government to make arrangements for the resumption of steam communication with England.

6. By various enactments you have recognized the importance which is to be attached to railroads as means of communication.

7. By the Act for the Registration of Voters you have completed the work of former sessions, and have given to the New Constitution all that was required to bring it into effective operation.

8. I have to thank you for the liberal approval in which you have provided for the expenditure of the Government during the forthcoming year; and to acknowledge, gratefully—both for myself and Sir Charles Fitz Roy—the consideration which induced you to place the salary of the Governor for the last four years, upon the same footing as that defined in the Constitutional Act.

9. The funds placed at my disposal will, I trust, be adequate to meet the expenditure, which will be regulated with the strictest regard to economy.

10. I shall have very great pleasure in forwarding to her Majesty the Address of the Council on the receipt of the intelligence of the fall of Sebastopol, and the fact as I feel convinced that the sentiments conveyed in that Address are shared by the whole community.

The inhabitants of New South Wales have already shown by their actions that the distance which separates them from the land of their Fathers has in no way cooled their feelings of affectionate loyalty towards their Sovereign, or sympathy with those who suffer in the great cause in which our nation is at present engaged, and it is therefore peculiarly fitting that their representatives should be among the foremost to express to her Majesty how cordially they, in common with all their fellow-subjects, rejoice in the success of the allied arms.

11. The Addresses to which no special answers have been given will receive my best attention, with every desire on my part to act in harmony with the Council.

12. I cannot allow this the last Session of the present Council to terminate without placing on record my opinion that to you, Gentlemen, I am deeply indebted for a deep debt of gratitude. Called upon by the voice of the community to modify the existing Constitution, you addressed yourselves to the task with an earnest desire to secure to the inhabitants all those powers and immunities to which they could justly lay claim. The result of your labours is to be seen in the Act which may be said to have been this day brought into operation. That it may prove the foundation of a system of Legislature wisely adapted to the wants of the colony is my earnest hope.

13. I can most truly affirm that no effort shall be wanting on my part which may tend to promote the harmonious action of the different branches of the Government, or which may in any way advance the great interests of the colony.

14. The Council will now stand prorogued till Tuesday, the 12th day of February next.

W. DUTTON.

A. CHAMBERLAIN.—"Do you think I'll just think you me?" said a culprit to his counsel. "I don't think you will," replied the other, "for I see two men on the jury who are opposed to hanging."

EXTRA FIELD ALLOWANCE TO THE ARMY.—Viscount Alington has been reported to be inclined to grant a field allowance to the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of our regular army, when engaged in active operations in the field against an enemy; or will, were it issued, be from the 1st day of July, 1855, every non-commissioned officer and soldier serving in the field, and every other non-commissioned officer and soldier from the date of arrival at the seat of war, shall be entitled to a field allowance of 6d. a day in lieu of his ordinary pay, to be continued to him no longer than he is actually engaged in the field. During the period of a non-commissioned officer or soldier being in hospital his field allowance will cease, the field allowance from the day he returns to duty in the field. August, 1855, in the 15th year of our reign.

SPECIAL NOTICE—IMPORTANT SALE
OF HOUSES, PROPERTIES, &c., at the City
 Mart, **THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.**
1st.—WOODLOO WOODS.
 Three handsome family residences, near the mansions of Noor.
 East and Do. east.
2nd.—SUNNY HILLS.
 Two respectable dwelling houses, near the new Iron Congrega-
 tional Church, Bourne-street.

41c.—TOWN OF ALBURY.
Three valuable water allotments: near the steamer's Wharf, on
the River Murrumbidgee.
51c.—TOWN OF CHERRIBURNHAM.
Sixty-four valuable allotments close to the surveyed townsite.
61c.—GLEBE.
Thirty-one allotments at the Globe.
The special attention of capitalists, landed proprietors, and
others is directed to the unwarmed sale of highly important
houses in England proper, at the City Hall, THIS MORNING,
at 11 o'clock.
BOWDEN and THRELLKELD, Auctioneers.

For Atlantic Sale, without any drawback reserve.
On the Ground—the 2 of a new "Yaz."
THE MOST ATTRACTIVE SALE OF THE SEASON.
Being the whole of that SUPERB PROPERTY, so well known as
THE OLD FARNAMITA BARROOM.
divided into TWENTY-ONE SECTIONS, and subdivided into
FOUR HUNDRED and SEVENTY-NINE ALLOTMENTS,
carefully laid out to meet the requirements of all classes of pur-
chasers, attractive, and in the
GRAND RAILWAY TERMINUS.
Commencing on the south side of BECKETT'S BRIDGE, and ex-

BOWDEN and THRELKELD have been favoured with instructions to submit to public auction, on the Ground, on MONDAY, the 7th day of January, 1886.

The whole of that truly valuable and extensive plot of land so long and generally known as the *Parumetta Racecourse*, containing upwards of 50 acres, judiciously laid out in sections, and subdivided into allotments of various sizes, suitable for slopes of every kind and private cultivation.

After planting the timber, being the first ground for building sites on entering the town from the railway stations, extending all along the summit of the hill on the left hand side, past Leamy's old public house, and continuing down the gentle declivity towards the Western Road, as far as Morris' premises.

shops on the north Broad Road.

BOWDEN and **TISHELKELD** will sell by auction, at the City Market, 221, George-street, on MONDAY, the 26th day of December, at 11 o'clock, the following property:

Two substantial stone-built shops and dwelling houses, situated

The shops are so well known that the less knowners demand it quite unnecessary to enter largely into the description of them, but invite intending purchasers to inspect them prior to the day of sale.

THURSDAY, SOth.
SUNSHY HILLS.
Ten Respectable Dwelling-houses, each Four Rooms, with detached Kitchens and Bath-rooms, and a large New Bath, in the Congregational Church, South-st., bet. fronting Blomfield-street, close to the South Head Road, between Bourke and Crown-sts.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD are favoured with instructions to sell by auction, as at the City Court, 31, George-street, **THIS DAY**, the 29th day of December, instant, at 10 o'clock.

FAN TEST, HEAT and COMFORTABLE DWELLING
 HOT, dry, bright, airy, and sunny, with a view of the
 the prettiest scenery, of **NEWCASTLE**, about one and a half miles from the city.

these houses, their art, comfortable, and unlike in appearance, continue to insure them a class of tenants always able and willing to pay their respective rents without trouble or loss.

The grounds are so strong and well rut together that repairs are not needed for the most part, so that the annual income of \$750 is not subject to the deductions usual in properties of a different character in more untenable positions.

Parties may view the premises on apply'g for same, unless personally known to some of the tenants.

BOWDEN AND THRELKELD have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, **THIS DAY**, the 30th instant,

weekly tenants at the low rental of \$1.00 each, including coal, being a purely income of THREE HUNDRED and TWELVE POUNDS—good water on the premises—the produce is always delicious. The whole will be sold in lots to suit parties.

Fruit at sale.
Title good.

THURSDAY, 30th.

Town of Chateaufort, Burgeois from.

44 Valuable Buildings also lands situate 200 feet from the RIVER.

BOWDEN and THREKELD have received notice from the City Engineer, J. H. Gault, dated THIS DAY, 29th instant, at 11 o'clock.

04 Valuable Building Allowance, varying from \$6 to \$25 each frontage cost, being a portion of the valuations as TOWN OF CHESTERHAM," only 50c foot from the BURWOOD RAILWAY STATION.

THE FLOURISHING TOWN OF ALBANY.
Three valuable Owner's Lots, on the "Steamers' Wharf" on the River Murray.
BOWDEN and THRELKELD have received instructions to sell by auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street, on **THURSDAY, 26th December, at 11**

Lot 1—has the same frontage to Weddings-place, by a depth of 165 feet to Havill-street
 Lot 10—has a frontage of 125 feet to Townsend-street, by the depth fronting Havill-street.
 The above various allotments are close to the Steamers' Wharf on the River Murray.
 A Plan is on view at the Rooms.
 Terms at sale.
 Preliminary.
 MORTGAGEE'S Auctioneer

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Lot 1 and 8 have a frontage of 60 feet to the Church, by a reserved road, 60 feet wide, by a depth of 100 feet.
Lot 9 to 17 have each the same frontages and depths as 1 and 8.
Lots 18, 26, 27 have frontages of 48 feet each to the Railway and Newtown Road from Uxwria's Bridge, by depths of 100 feet.
Lot 21 to 23 have same frontages and depths as lots 1 and 8.
A plan of the above is now on view at the Home. Terms, (Uxwria), at sale. Title, same as the Church Lands.

BOWDEN and THRELKELD will sell by
auction, at the City Mart, 211, George-street,
Spiny, on MONDAY next, the 11th inst., at 11 o'clock,
70 cases (Hill and Lodge's) paint machines
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To see, &c.
FALLAY, Dist.
18 Palace North White Chown.

Instructions to sell by auction, at 11 o'clock,
 Mart, 311, George-street, TO-MORROW, Friday, 31st instant, at
 11 o'clock, By W. Gilchrist & Co.,
 19 Queen-street North, Wills' estate.
 Terms at sale.

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